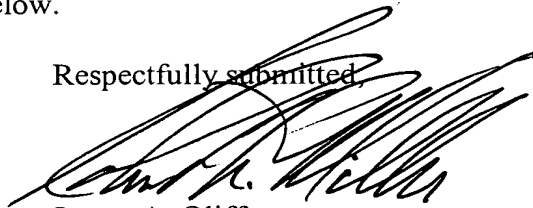


As admitted by the Patent Office, Watanuki does not teach or suggest each and every feature recited in the claims. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 are patentably distinct from the applied art. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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